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Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Statement**  
CC Docket 97-1

Dear Mr. Caton:

The attached letters addressed to Chairman Reed Hundt from members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate should be incorporated in the record of the above referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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January 14, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
1919 M. Street N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am in support of Ameritech's petition to enter the long distance market. Ameritech has a long history of being in the forefront in knowing what consumers are looking for.

In the instance of telecommunications, Ameritech knows that consumers are interested in choice, expanded services, and better customer service. They wish to provide true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. By doing the research necessary to meet all of the legal, regulatory, and technical requirements, Ameritech has shown that it is serious about progressive telecommunications.

Increased competition in both the local and long distance markets should result in improved benefits to customers.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Murphy  
State Representative/7th District  
Speaker Pro-Tempore

CC: Mr. Donald J. Russell  
U.S. Department of Justice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of Ameritech's petition for permission to enter into the long distance market. My experience with Ameritech has been very positive and I believe that their entrance into the long distance market will provide a much-needed choice for consumers. It also will allow for the opportunity of expanded service and better customer service and competition.

Michigan has been a forerunner in the telecommunications market and I firmly believe that the competition provided by Ameritech will ensure that Michigan continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure. Without such, Michigan cannot hope to retain or attract new businesses, thereby meeting consumer needs.

Again, I offer my strong support of Ameritech's petition to the Federal Communications Commission. Please let me know if I can provide additional information regarding such.

Sincerely,



**KIRK A. PROFIT**  
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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

It is my understanding that on January 2, 1997, Ameritech filed for approval under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to offer in-region long distance service in Michigan. This letter is written to advise you that I am fully in support of FCC approval of this request.

The Michigan Telecommunications Act legislation was passed here in Michigan on the assumption that the local service providers would be able to expand into the long distance market and the long distance companies could also provide local service. The ultimate goal, of course, is to provide more competition. Consumers today definitely want more choice and by creating more competition among the telecommunication providers, additional options and better customer service will result. This request by Ameritech is a very important step in the process of accomplishing this goal.

Again, I emphasize my strong support for Ameritech's request and I trust that the Commission will give it favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

TOM MIDDLETON  
State Representative  
46th District

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, The U.S. Dept. Of Justice



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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter serves to fully support Ameritech's application to enter into the long distance market. Ameritech has a responsibility to the communities they serve and I feel they have done an excellent job to fulfill this commitment. They serve as a successful telecommunication provider to many citizens in Michigan.

As you know, the Michigan Telecommunications Act has facilitated competition in the telecommunications industry in this state. The great state of Michigan has been extremely pro-active with regard to its commitment to creating a strong telecommunications infrastructure for our citizens. Michigan has seen increased competition in the long distance market and initial competition in the local service market. Competition will mean more choices in carriers and services, lowering overall phone bills, better quality, more efficient customer service, and better technology that will be available to more people. For these reasons, I believe by allowing Ameritech to enter into the long distance services in Michigan, this service provider will continue to be both beneficial and productive for its residents and businesses. Nevertheless, it will attract economic development.

I hope you can recognize the positive role Ameritech can play in the telecommunications industry. I am completely supportive of this applicant and I hope you will grant their request for approval.

Sincerely,

PENNY M. CRISSMAN  
State Representative  
House 45th District

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell (Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division)

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Again, I offer my strong support of Ameritech's petition to the Federal Communications Commission. Please let me know if I can provide additional information regarding such.

Sincerely,



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**Hubert Price, Jr.**

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**January 16, 1997**

**The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20544**

**Dear Chairman Hundt:**

I am writing in support of the 271 Application submitted by Ameritech and its long distance subsidiary, ACI, to allow the companies to provide in-region long distance service to customers in the State of Michigan.

The Ameritech/ACI plan would unleash added benefits and enhanced customer service to consumers while at the same time opening its network to increased competition in the long distance marketplace. It is my understanding that Ameritech has met all of the requirements to open its network to competition in Michigan as required by both the federal and the Michigan Telecommunications Acts.

Increased competition spells better service for customers. I wholeheartedly support allowing Ameritech to provide long distance service, and trust that every consideration will be afforded Ameritech for consideration and approval of their 271 Application.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

**HUBERT PRICE, JR.  
State Representative  
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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, U.S. Department of Justice



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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington D.C., 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

During the last legislative session, the Michigan legislature passed a new Telecommunications law which encourages competition in the local and long distance telephone markets. The legislature and Governor feel increased competition is a desirable goal and will result in a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure for our state.

As you know, Ameritech recently filed a petition with the FCC for permission to enter the long distance market. This is a necessary first step in encouraging and ensuring competition in Michigan.

It is my hope that you will expeditiously act on the pending application so that Michigan can begin working towards our goal of a highly competitive, consumer-friendly telecommunications state.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Perricone  
State Representative  
61st District

cc: Mr. Donald Russell  
Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division  
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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing as the former chairperson of the Michigan House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee in order to urge your approval of Ameritech's application to provide long distance service pursuant to the terms of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

As former chair of the House Public Utilities Committee, I was instrumental in assuring that the Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1995 provided the necessary means to bring real competition to millions of telephone customers in Michigan. As you know, increased competition brings lower prices, more efficient service and increased technology.

On the local level, Ameritech has negotiated and received the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) approval for interconnection agreements with AT&T, MFS, Brooks Fiber, and TCG. Ameritech asserts in its filing that it has otherwise met the 14-point checklist needed to qualify for long distance service. Ameritech has certainly demonstrated that it intends to foster competition in order to build a strong economy for Michigan.

Ameritech has proven itself to be an innovative and progressive communications company. As the first company to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission, it is clear that it is at the forefront of providing Michigan customers increased choice. I truly believe that it would serve Michigan residents well if you would quickly and favorably grant Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,



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c: Mr. Donald J. Russell  
Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**MICHAEL J. HANLEY**

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HUMAN SERVICES  
MINORITY WHIP

January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It has come to my attention that Ameritech has recently filed a petition with the FCC for permission to enter into the long distance market.

The purpose of this letter is to support their petition and request that it be given thorough consideration. Approval of their request will ensure true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. This competition will do much to ensure that consumers have access to state-of-the-art communications systems. Furthermore, it will offer consumers greater choice.

Therefore, it is my hope that the FCC will act favorably upon Ameritech's request to be permitted to enter into the long distance service market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Mike Hanley*  
**MICHAEL J. HANLEY**  
State Representative  
95th District

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



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**JUDICIARY, MEMBER**

January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As both a legislator and a citizen, I strongly support Ameritech's ambitious effort to expand into long distance service.

It is my contention Ameritech has worked diligently, and succeeded, in ensuring a competitive market for local phone service in Michigan. In addition to Ameritech and the other 35 traditional companies in Michigan, there are at least 14 companies licensed by the Michigan Public Service Commission to compete in the market. For example, MCI recently started a statewide campaign strictly seeking business customers for local service.

Michigan's economy has been growing over the last several years, including my district. I feel it is important to continue our economic renaissance by emphasizing competition in a free market community. Ameritech is playing a key role. Customers want choice and with the ability of nearly 50 companies to operate in the local market and more to become licensed, Michigan residents have achieved it.

In closing, I want to reiterate my ardent support for Ameritech Michigan's application to the Federal Communication Commission to serve Michigan's citizens in the long distance market.

Thank you for your attention and feel free to contact me if necessary.

Respectfully,

  
Jon Cisky  
State Senator  
33rd District

JC/dhr

cc: Mr. Donald Russell, Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division, US Dep't. Of Justice,  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

LANSING, MICHIGAN

January 21, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As you know, on January 2, 1997, Ameritech filed a petition under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I write this letter in support of the Ameritech filing.

I believe that Ameritech has met all of the legal, regulatory, and technical requirements to open its network to competition in Michigan as required by both the Federal and Michigan Telecommunications Acts. This will provide true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. As a result, the customer will be able to choose the carrier that provides the best services and consumer support. Furthermore, Ameritech has a significant presence in Michigan's labor market with over 30,000 current and retired employees.

In closing, approval of the petition will ensure that Michigan will continue to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure - an asset to a strong economy. As we move into the 21st Century, we need corporations that will ensure the continual growth of Michigan's economy. Ameritech is such a company. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (517) 373-1782.

Sincerely,

Samuel Thomas, III  
State Representative

SBT:dn



## DAN GUSTAFSON

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**CAPITOL COMMITTEE**

January 21, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a state representative I support Ameritech's filing, under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service.

Over the past several years I have been active in helping to develop telecommunications policy in Michigan and supported the Michigan Telecommunications Act. This legislation promotes open and fair competition. As a result of this landmark legislation, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has granted several licenses to a variety of companies and approved interconnection agreements so that they can offer competitive local telephone service.

By approving Ameritech's application you will enhance the ability of Michigan's citizens to enjoy the benefits of a competitive telecommunications market. I urge your thoughtful consideration of Ameritech's request.

Sincerely,

Dan Gustafson  
State Representative  
Ingham and Livingston Counties



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January 21, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is my understanding that Ameritech has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for permission to enter into the long distance market.

As an elected official from Northern Michigan, I wish to add my support for such an entry. I believe that this action will provide my constituents with true competition resulting in better service, lower rates, and more freedom to choose their long distance provider.

The continued use of state-of-the-art infrastructure insures that our economy continues to grow, meeting consumer needs, retaining business, and attracting new job-providers.

I trust that you will give close and honest consideration upon Ameritech's request to enter this expanding market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

JOHN GERNAAT  
Michigan House of Representatives  
102nd District

cc: Mr. Donald Russell